computerized Educational Management Information System gives annual school-based data on all significant educational statistics.

Recommendations of NKC on quality of higher education

1394. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations given by the National Knowledge Commission regarding improvement of quality of higher education;

(b) whether Government have taken a view on the recommendations;

(c) if so, which recommendations have been accepted;

(d) what steps are being taken to implement such recommendations and by when; and

(e) which recommendations were not accepted by Government and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The National Knowledge Commission has *inter-alia* recommended expansion in higher education by establishing 1500 more Universities and establishment of 50 National Universities to provide education of highest standard, as examples for the rest of Nation and creating new universities by clustering Autonomous Colleges.

(b) to (e) The recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission are in the public domain for wider debate among all stake holders.

Independent Regulatory Authority for Higher Education

1395. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the National Knowledge Commission's recommendation pertaining to establishment of Independent Regulatory Authority for Higher Edcuation;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, the details of the mandate of such an authority and by when Government propose to set up such an institution; and

(d) the functional linkage between the new authority with existing UGC, AICTE and MCI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission are in the public domain for wider debate among all stake holders.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Recommendation of NKC

1396. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the recommendation of the National Knowledge Commission for providing tax and other incentives for the endowments and donations to the universities;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, the details of the incentives Government propose to extend to promote such endowments and donations; and

(d) by when Government propose to announce such incentives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The recommendations of the National Knowledge Commission are in the public domain for wider debate among all stake holders.